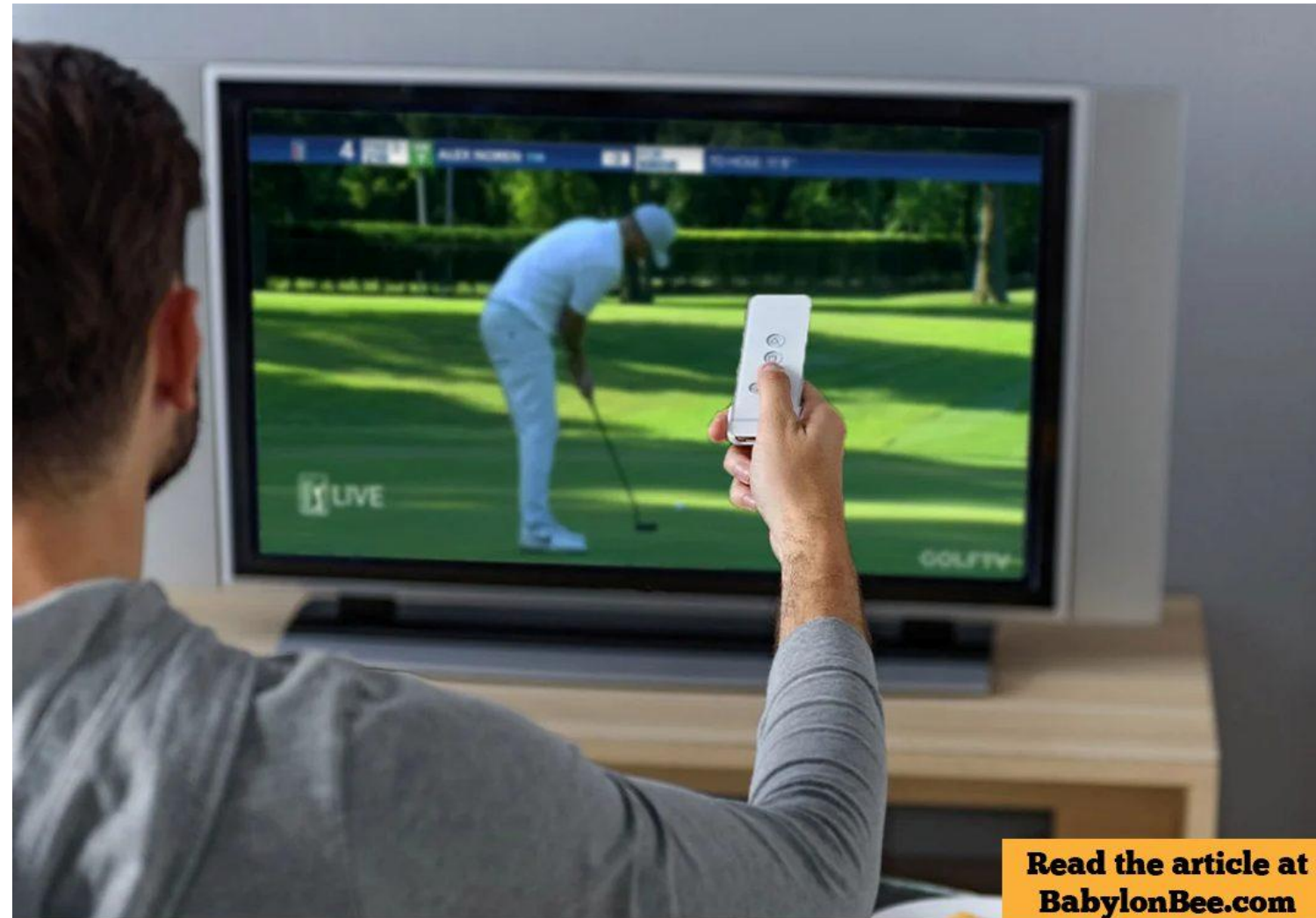


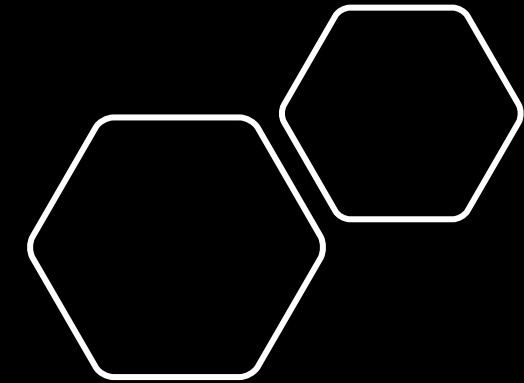
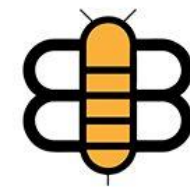
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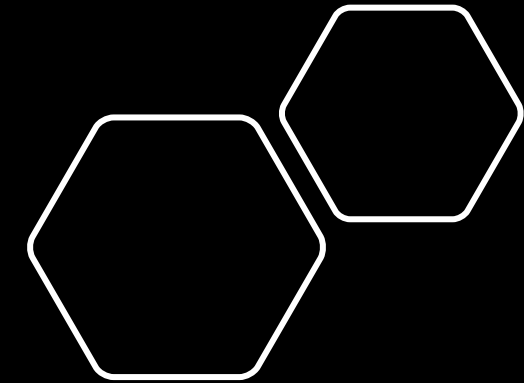
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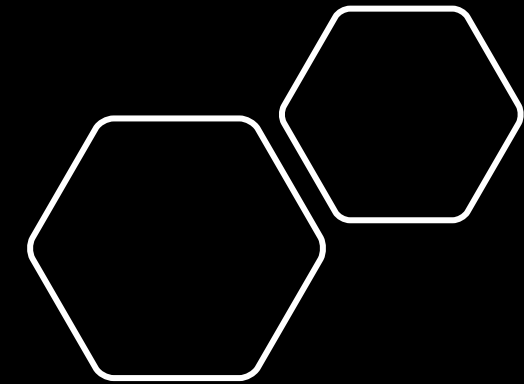
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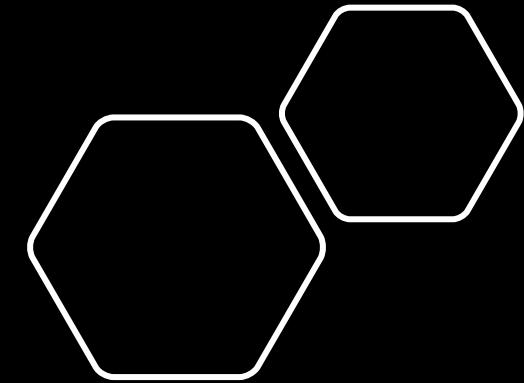


Local Christian Would Do Anything For Jesus Except Believe Things That Are Unpopular





Study: 84% Of Christians Show No Symptoms Of Following Jesus



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James 2:14

Christianity in the Kitchen

Genesis 18:1-15

I. Test 1—Abraham: Works follow his faith

- a. Abraham's response shows honor**
- b. Abraham's response shows hospitality**

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he **ran** from the tent door to meet them and **bowed** himself to the earth

Genesis 18:1-2

I. Test 1—Abraham: Works follow his faith

- a. Abraham's response shows honor**
- b. Abraham's response shows humility**

...and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by **your servant**. Let a little water be brought, and wash **your** feet, and rest **yourselves** under the tree,

Genesis 18:3-4

while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh **yourselves**, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to **your servant.**”

Genesis 18:5

I. Test 1—Abraham: Works follow his faith

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- b. Abraham's response shows humility**
- c. Abraham's response shows hospitality**

So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham **went** quickly into the tent to Sarah and **said**, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.”

Genesis 18:5-6

And Abraham **ran** to the herd and **took** a calf, tender and good, and **gave** it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he **took** curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and **set it** before them. And **he stood** by them under the tree while they ate.

Genesis 18:7-8

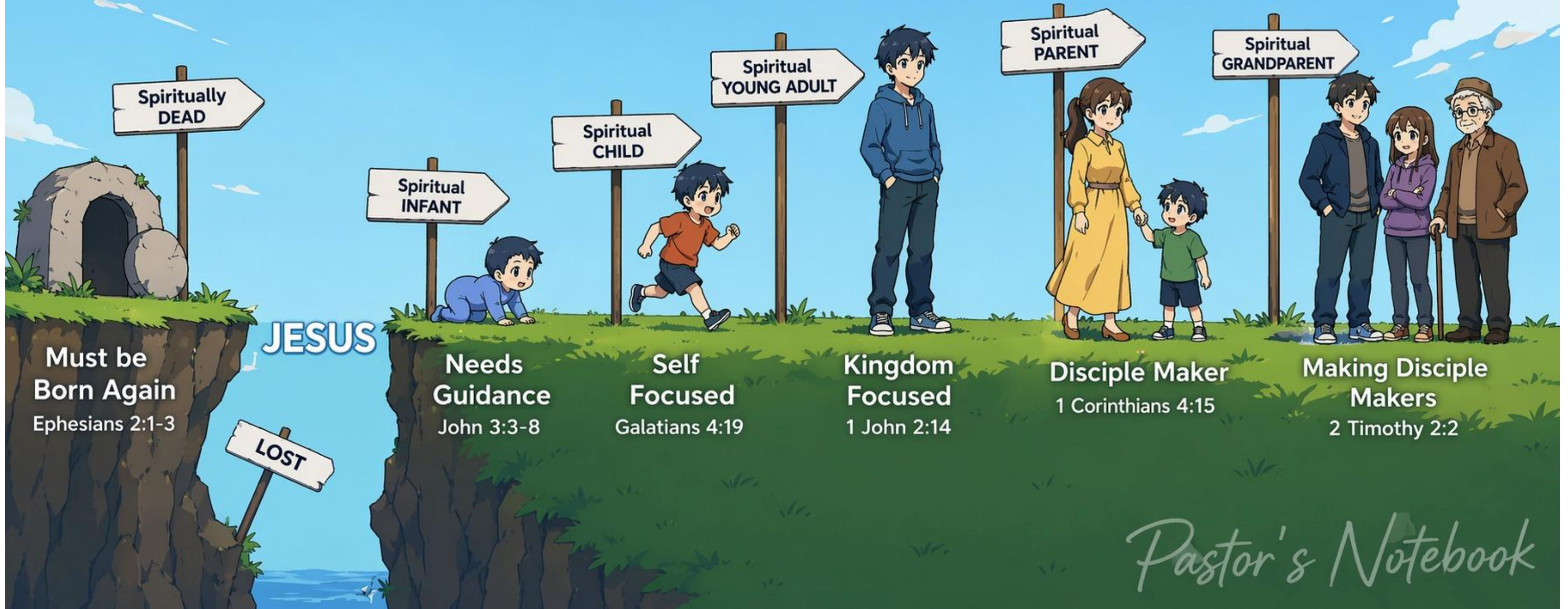
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- 5. He acts as a servant**

The test is to see if faith can produce action:

- 1. He accepts them quickly (no delay)**
- 2. He attends to them graciously (no pride)**
- 3. He assumes responsibility (no passing the buck)**
- 4. He asks for help (better as a team)**
- 5. He acts as a servant (thinking of others)**

The Discipleship Process



II. Test 2—Sarah: Learning follows failure



Sarah listens, laughs, lies, then learns to have faith

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?”
And he said, “She is in the tent.” The Lord
said, “I will surely return to you about this
time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have
a son.” And Sarah was **listening** at the tent
door behind him.

Genesis 18:9-10

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah **laughed** to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”

Genesis 18:11-12

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Genesis 18:13-14

But Sarah **denied** it, saying, “I did not laugh,”
for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did
laugh.”

Genesis 18:13-14

By **faith** Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she **considered** him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:11

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III. Test #3—You: Can your faith save you?

“True faith has a moment of beginning AND it is accompanied by good works. Without both, ‘faith’ is not true faith at all.” DJ

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But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith **by** my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James 2:14

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

James 2:14

Called Into Faith

*Faith builds over a lifetime, but is
birthed in a moment.*